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In re Application of:

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For: A STAPLING MACHINE

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 1993 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 5), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 13-2050.